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1. The Brodospas yards at Fiume began the assembly of a number of MTBs early in 1948. The wooden hulls were manufactured elsewhere, and the Brodospas yards were commissioned to install German Junkers aircraft engines which had been left behind in Yugoslavia.
2. The first boat was assembled on 1 May 1948, and it was intended that the rest should be completed by the end of the year. Work, however, was brought almost to a standstill through lack of specialist personnel, and, after the outbreak of the Tito-Cominform dispute, through the return to Italy of a number of Italian Communist specialists from Monfalcone.
3. The chief technician engaged on the work is Ing. Roloff, a German of South African parentage, who was brought from Germany for the purpose. A number of German technicians under two year contracts are working in the yards.
4. The MTBs are to be armed with one torpedo tube, an anti-aircraft machine gun, and a light cannon.

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